

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 252D.22 and 252D.17(13), the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 97, "Collection Services Center," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments implement a legislative requirement that payors of income begin submitting child support payments to the Collection Services Center electronically (rather than by check) no later than June 30, 2015, unless an exemption applies. The use of electronic funds transmission is a faster and safer way for payors of income to make payments. Since the payments are not sent through the U.S. mail, payments are received timely and provide a stable payment frequency for families receiving the support.

The amendments provide a phased-in implementation schedule, beginning with larger employers, since they often already have the capability to make other types of payments electronically. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Deadline for Compliance</u>
1,000 or more	December 31, 2011
500 to 999	December 31, 2012
200 to 449	December 31, 2013
100 or more with an agent for payroll processing	December 31, 2013

Payors of income that have fewer than 200 employees and process their own payroll and all payors of income that have fewer than 100 employees are exempt from these requirements, since for these payors electronic submission would be less cost-effective and possibly more of a hardship to implement. The amendments emphasize electronic funds transmission, but also allow payment via a secure Web site as an alternative if electronic funds transmission is an undue hardship.

Requests for a waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

Notice of Intended Action for these amendments was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 3, 2010, as **ARC 9215B**. The Department held four public hearings for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed amendments. No one attended the hearings. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted these amendments on January 12, 2011.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 252D.17(13).

These amendments will become effective April 1, 2011.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [97.1, 97.4, 97.5] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 9215B**, IAB 11/3/10.

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